

# News Release

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### SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES ANNOUNCES BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS

SACRAMENTO – California Health and Human Services Agency Secretary Kimberly Belshé today announced highlights of the 2004-05 Governor's Budget for health and human services programs and services.

"The Budget underscores the Schwarzenegger Administration's firm commitment to providing essential services to California's most vulnerable and at-risk residents," said Belshé. "The Governor has worked tirelessly to negotiate a budget agreement for the people of California that protects programs and services without raising taxes."

The Budget protects vital programs for vulnerable and at-risk Californians:

- Maintains eligibility for the Medi-Cal program and other health care programs, including the Healthy Families Program, AIDS Drug Assistance Program, California Children's Services and the Genetically Handicapped Persons Program.
- Fully funds services supporting home-based care for elderly and disabled Californians through anticipated federal matching funds for the In-Home Supportive Services (IHSS) Residual program.
- Fully funds community-based teen pregnancy prevention efforts.
- Benefits for immigrant populations within the Healthy Families Program, California Food Assistance Program, Cash Assistance Program for Immigrants and CalWORKs are fully maintained.

The Budget also includes nearly \$1 million for the implementation of early identification and prevention measures to minimize the impact of West Nile virus on Californians and \$2.7 million for the expansion of newborn screenings for genetic diseases.

In addition, the Budget reflects the Governor's efforts to secure California's fair share of federal funds, which is a critical component of the Governor's long-term strategy for financial stability in California. Within the California Health and Human Services Agency, the Budget includes nearly \$800 million in federal funds, including:

- An estimated \$340 million in new federal funds to support the IHSS Residual program.
- A savings of \$187 million in recognition of an agreement the Administration reached with the U.S. Department of Agriculture to virtually eliminate penalties owed as a result of high error rates in the food stamp program in 2000, 2001 and 2002.

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#### Agency Departments & Boards:

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Human Services  
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Social Services

Statewide Health  
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